

**BLM Internal Review Comments
on the
National Mountain Bicycling Strategic Action Plan**

On July 1, 2002, Instruction Memorandum No. 2002-198, Internal Review of Initial Draft of the National Mountain Bicycling Strategic Action Plan, was released. The closing period on the draft was July 26, 2002. The following is a synopsis of the BLM internal review comments received and the Team's response to those:

- Approximately 15 comments were received on the Action Plan; 3 each from Utah and Colorado, 2 from Montana, 1 each from Arizona, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico and Oregon, and 2 phone calls were received from field offices in California.
- 60% - 70% were appreciative of the document and either stated that the document read well and was timely, or provided minimal editorial comment.
- 20% - 30% provided substantive constructive comment and re-write recommendations.
- Only one comment of a critical nature was submitted
- All editorial (grammatical) comments were sent to the Team's writer/editor to be incorporated at her discretion.
- Constructive comments were sent to team members for their review. For example, each team member is responsible for a specific theme in the Action Plan. If a comment on Planning and Environmental Considerations was received, the team leader sent that comment to that team member. The team member would decide if a re-write was necessary and then send his or her re-write back to the team leader and writer/editor. The team leader would make the final decision on whether to incorporate or not. In this effort, all re-writes were accepted by the team leader.
- 10 minor re-writes were made to the section on Planning and Environmental Considerations; most of those were clarifying statements and content-related.
- 1 new action item was added to the Regulation Theme.
- 2 minor clarification re-writes were added to the Funding Theme.
- 2 new action items were added to the Coordination Theme.
- 1 minor clarification and 2 new action items were added to the Interpretation/Information/and Education Theme.
- Analysis of the Emerging Issues Theme has not yet been completed; however, 3 comments were received on this theme.

The Team plans to have all corrections complete and the public comment period should begin on or about August 19. The time frames for the Action Plan are tight due to the possibility of the Director announcing the Action Plan at the upcoming National Trails Symposium, November 9-13, 2002, in Orlando, Florida.

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